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SOUTH VIETNAMTerrorism Increasing

5X1 [redacted] indicate that assassinations by the Viet Cong quadrupled between the end of February and the end of March. This sharp upward trend appears to have continued into April. The number of assassinations is now nearly double the average for the three months that preceded the signing of the cease-fire agreement.

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25X1 [redacted] suggest that the rise in terrorism has resulted partly from a strengthening of Viet Cong armed-propaganda and special-action teams. The Communists' emphasis on armed political struggle has, however, apparently brought about no significant increase in Communist control over territory or people. [redacted]

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CAMBODIAThe Military Situation

Light skirmishing between government forces and Khmer Communists elements is continuing on the east bank of the Mekong opposite Phnom Penh. Most Communist troops previously in that area are believed to have withdrawn farther to the east. Other Communist forces are still harassing government units along the east bank of the Mekong upriver from Neak Luong, and government attempts to clear the area have been unsuccessful. The Cambodian Army high command has stated that nearly 600 government troops were captured by the Communists when they overran two government outposts along the east bank ten miles north of Neak Luong on 1 May.

Elsewhere, government forces have consolidated their control over a section of Route 5 some 35 miles northwest of Phnom Penh, but the highway is still closed south of that point. [REDACTED]

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